(c) and (d) Stringent action is taken against the persons found involved in smuggling activitie$_s$ both departmentally as well a$_s$ through prosecution in. the Courts. Apart from confiscation of the :-rood$_s$ involved, imposition of personal penalties on the person$_s$ concerned, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to in appropriate cases.

Shortage of small coins and currency notes in Gujarat

381. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHA1 RATHVAKOLT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

fa) whether it is a fact that the an acute shortage of small coins and cuireney notes in various districts of Bulsar, Vadodra, Surat, Khara and Anted;

(b) if so. what are the reason$_s$ therefor:

(c) whethsr peopl$_e$ in towns and cities particularly in villages are facing diffi culties f°r getting the same;

fd) if so. what action ha$_s$ been taken 1o provide sufficient number of small coin$_s$ and currency note$_s$ to them: and

(«) what are the details of small coins and currency not$_{es}$ given to various banks and other distributing agaencies in the above districts so far during 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to *M* The *information* is being collected and would be placed t>n the Table on the Howie.

Income-tax raids in Gujarat

3*2. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATAUYABHA1 RATHVAKOLI. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a).whether i» is a fact that a number of Iitecme-tax raids and searches were conducted in various part$_s$ of Gujarat during 1st January, 1985 to 31s$_t$ October, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what amoun$_t$ of concealed income has been detected during such raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the period 1st January, 1985 to 31st October 1985, Income-tax Department conducted 308 searches in Gujarat and seized prima-facie unaccounted assets worth Rs. 1.57 crores approximately.

Fake agencic$_s$ recruiting labourers for sending abroad

383. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware, that. a number of fake agencies and agents are recruiting labourers for sending them to foreign countries;

(b) if so, what actio$_n$ ha$_s$ been taken against such agencies and agents during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints from labourers during the abov$_e$ period; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken against eacSn sweh agent| agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): ($_a$) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is not available. *It* wit) be laid on the table of the House when received.